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### **Graduate School of Nursing Dean Ada Sue Hinshaw deemed “Legend” by national academy**

Bethesda, MD --Ada Sue Hinshaw, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean and professor, Graduate School of Nursing, USU, has been selected as a “Living Legend” by the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). Dr. Hinshaw was formally inducted on October 15, 2011 at the AAN’s 38th Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, DC.

Annually since 1994, the AAN has named “Living Legends,” recognizing extraordinary lifetime achievement. A “Living Legend” must have been an Active or Emeritus Fellow for at least 15 years, making extraordinary and sustained contributions to nursing and health care throughout their career. They also must continue to influence the profession. Since the initiation of the award, the Academy has honored 82 Living Legends.

Dr. Hinshaw has been a leader in the Academy since her initial induction as an AAN Fellow in 1978. She was elected to serve as AAN President in 2001.

“It’s a real honor to be selected,” said Dr. Hinshaw, who has served as Dean of USU’s graduate nursing school since 2008. Dr. Hinshaw was the first permanent director of the National Center of Nursing Research and first director of the National Institute for Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In these roles she led successful efforts to position nursing research within the mainstream of public-funded biomedical and behavioral science in the U.S. She led the institute in its support of disease prevention, health promotion and environments that enhance nursing patient care outcomes.

Earlier this year, Dr. Hinshaw was awarded the GE Healthcare-AACN Pioneering Spirit Award by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) during the 2011 National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition in Chicago recently. This AACN Visionary Leadership Award recognizes significant contributions that influence high acuity and critical care nursing and relate to the association’s mission, vision and values.

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